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DISTRIBUTE ONLY TO AMBASSADOR BREWER(AF/E) FROM SUDDARTH

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR AMBASSADOR BREWER

1. I AM TAKING THE LIBERTY OF PUTTING IN A WORD OF VERY STRONG
SUPPORT FOR GORDON PIERSON, WHO I UNDERSTAND IS A CANDIDATE
TO HEAD A RE-ESTABLISHED AID PRESENCE IN SUDAN.

2. I HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH GORDON FOR OVER THREE YEARS
HERE IN HIS CAPACITY FIRST AS PROGRAM OFFICER AND LATER
ASSISTANT AID DIRECTOR AND HAVE THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR HIM.
I REALLY THINK HE WOULD BE IDEALLY SUITED TO BE A MISSION
DIRECTOR AND TO OPEN A NEW AID OPERATION LIKE THE ONE IN
THE SUDAN. HE IS AN EXPERT, SENSIBLE PHD ECONOMIST WITH
WIDE POWERS OF CONCEPTUALIZATION WHO SET THE BASIC PARA-
METERS OF OUR AID STRATEGY HERE. HE IS WIDELY EXPERIENCED
IN AID PROGRAM AND PROJECT DESIGN IN VOLAG, PL-480 AND
TRAINING ACTIVITIES. HE ABLY HANDLED THE AID MISSION HERE
IN LONG PERIODS AS ACTING AID DIRECTOR.

3. GORDON IS AN EXCELLENT DIPLOMAT AND SOCIALIZER
AND HAS MANY USEFUL FRIENDS AND CONTACTS HERE IN THE
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GOVERNMENTAL AND DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY. HE WAS ELECTED
THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND HAS
DONE A FINE RESPONSIBLE JOB THERE. WE ALL VALUE HIM
AS A DISCRETE, WISE AND RESPONSIVE COLLEAGUE WITH A
GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR.

4. I DON'T KNOW THE OTHER CANDIDATES BUT I THINK IT

WOULD BE HARD TO BEAT GORDON'S PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALITIES.

5. I HAVE SHOWN THIS MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR PICKERING WHO FULLY ENDORSES MY COMMENTS. I MIGHT ADD THAT GORDON, ALTHOUGH VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN THE SUDAN JOB, IS UNAWARE THAT I AM DOING THIS AND WOULD BE EMBARRASSED IF HE KNEW I WAS IN TOUCH WITH YOU ON HIS BEHALF. WARMEST REGARDS.
PICKERING

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